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SUBJ: UN THINKING ABOUT A GOLAN DISENGAGEMENT

1. USYG URQUHART ASKED MISSION OFFICER TO DROP OVER TO UN MAY 22 SO THAT HE MIGHT DESCRIBE SOME CONCERNS THAT HAVE ARISEN IN UN CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR AN ISRAEL-SYRIA DISENGAGEMENT. URQUHART WAS AT PAINS TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE WISHED AVOID ADDING SLIGHTEST COMPLICATION TO SECRETARY'S ENORMOUSLY DIFFICULT TASK. UN, HE STRESSED, COULD AND WOULD EXECUTE WHATEVER DISENGAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED. URQUHART'S INTENT SEEMED TO BE TO PASS ON IN MOST INFORMAL WAY POSSIBLE (AND WITHOUT SECRETARY GENERAL'S KNOWLEDGE) CERTAIN QUESTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPYING HIM AND OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR UN PEACEKEEPING. HE DOES NOT EXPECT REPLY.

2. IF UN SHOULD BE ASKED TO PROVIDE FORCE THAT IS PART UNEF, PART UNTSO, IT WOULD HOPE DEPLOYMENT COULD BE SUCH AS TO PERMIT AN INTEGRATED COMMAND. FROM OPERATIONAL STANDPOINT UN WOULD PREFER TO AVOID SEPARATE ACTIVITIES BY TWO DISTINCT ORGANIZATIONS, WITH UNTSO, FOR EXAMPLE, ON SYRIAN SIDE OF LINE AND UNEF ON ISRAELI SIDE. WHATEVER THE DEPLOYMENT, UN HOPES UNEF AND/OR UNTSO RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE SPELLED OUT AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE.

3. RELATED TO INTEGRATED COMMAND IS QUESTION OF WHO IS TO
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COMMAND NORTHERN BODY --A PROBLEM WHICH URQUHART ADMITS IS

VERY MUCH UN'S OWN. CHOICE SEEMS TO BE MAINLY BETWEEN UNTSO CHIEF OF STAFF LILJESTRAND, WHOM URQUHART APPEARS TO REGARD AS BEST QUALIFIED, AND UNEF COMMANDER SIILASVUO, WHO EXPECTS POST. CURRENT BRIGADE COMMANDERS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED, BUT INDONESIAN WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ISRAEL AND PERUVIAN IS NOT THOUGHT UP TO JOB.

4. ALSO ON URQUHART'S MIND IS HOW CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS WITHIN BUFFER AND LIMITED ZONES SHOULD BE HANDLED. HE EXPECTS UN TASKS TO BE FAR MORE DIFFICULT THAN IN SINAI IF, FOR EXAMPLE, KUNEITRA IS TO BE UNDER SYRIAN CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AND ISRAELI VILLAGES FALL WITHIN UN ZONES. UNTSO, HE BELIEVES, IS BEST QUALIFIED TO DEAL WITH PROBLEMS INVOLVING CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS.

5. UNEF HAS CONTINGENCY PLANS TO MOVE PROMPTLY ADVANCE PARTIES OF THREE BATTALIONS--NEPALESE, PERUVIANS AND AUSTRIANS. (THESE THREE WERE CHOSEN, URQUHART INDICATED, BECAUSE THEY WERE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES--NOT AS UN SPOKESMEN HAVE BEEN IMPLYING, FOR THEIR MOUNTAIN CLIMBING ABILITY.) IF MORE THAN TOKEN ELEMENTS FROM THESE CONTINGENTS ARE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY IN NORTH, UN WILL HAVE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL AIR TRANSPORT. URQUHART ASKED THAT US MAKE ADVANCE PLANS FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY AIRLIFT IF THERE IS CHANGE THAT LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS WILL HAVE TO BE MOVED QUICKLY.

6. LOGISTICS ARE ANOTHER UN CONCERN SINCE POLISH TRANSPORT UNIT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO OPERATE OUT OF HAIFA, ITS NATURAL BASE OF OPERATIONS, BUT WILL BE STATIONED IN BEIRUT OR DAMASCUS. ON OTHER HAND, SIGNALS ARE NOT A PROBLEM BECAUSE OF EXCELLENT UNTSO COMMUNICATIONS NET.

7. FINALLY, URQUHART STRESSED CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT NOTICE ONCE DIMENSIONS OF UN'S PEACEKEEPING RESPONSIBILITIES ARE SETTLED.

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